



Literally Speaking



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Annual Holiday Potluck

On Saturday, December 4, the Newport Coast Community Center echoed with the sounds of laughter and music at a gathering of learners, tutors, volunteers and their families for Literacy Services' 2010 Annual Holiday Potluck.

Guests participated in a fun "get-to-know-you" mixer and then enjoyed a variety of delicious dishes from all over the world. The program's own Yu Hamada played violin with the string quartet "Edie and Friends." The quartet entertained the group with a wonderful selection of both classical and contemporary music.

Board President Nancy Thompson then spoke about the program and introduced three new board members, Jason Brady, Lorna Harris and Karen Letterman as well as new Learner Liaison, Yana Newberg.

NBPL Support Services Coordinator Melissa Kelly acknowledged the 6 years of service by out-going board member Carolyn Scheer followed by a discussion about the expansion of the library's Central branch during the current construction of the Civic Center.

Cherall Weiss, Program Coordinator, took the podium to present the "Volunteer of the Year" award to tutor Bruce McKeag. With the program since early 2009, Bruce has contributed a great deal as a tutor, teacher and fundraiser.

Throughout the morning everyone shared experiences with each other as young children created works of art at the craft table.

As guests parted, the children received favors and the gift of a book to add to their home library courtesy of the Families for Literacy program.

It was a fun morning and a wonderful start to the holiday season.



Houra Partovi and Effy Sanchez enjoying a laugh together.



Learner Liaison, Yana Newberg with volunteer Johanna Van't Hof.



Coordinator Cherall Weiss presents Bruce McKeag with the "Volunteer of the Year" award.

Literacy Luncheon Needs Your Help!

Shari Elias & Nancy Englebrecht, co-chairs

What You Can Do to Help Make Our Luncheon a Success

1. Talk it up among your friends.
2. Buy a ticket and enjoy the luncheon.
3. Ask a restaurant, store owner or service provider that you know to make a donation of an item or service to the event. No item is too small and we will appreciate any item.
4. Pass out flyers, bookmarks and posters in your neighborhood.
5. Donate an item to the luncheon for our silent auction, balloon pop or our new online e-Bay sale. This can be anything imaginable!

Why Is It Important to Help with the Luncheon?

1. This is the main fundraiser for our program.
2. We need money to keep our program going.
3. Both tutors and learners gain from the program.
4. It is a great way of saying "thank you".
5. This is a celebration for both our learners and tutors.
6. There is a job for everyone who wants to be involved with helping to make this a success.

New Tutors

We would like to welcome in our new Fall 2010 graduating class of tutors. Your time and effort is truly appreciated!

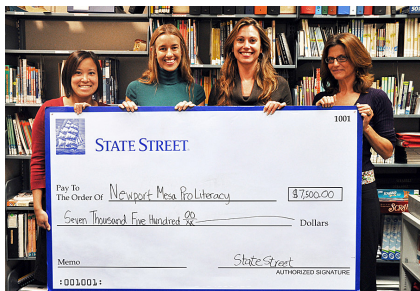
**Diane Cox
Lorna Harris
Lettie Herbosa
Cheryl Houle
Martha Jacome
Pat Kingsley**

**Richard McDonough
Phyllis Rosenhaft
Barbara Samara
Ping Tsai
Lynette Warburton
Izabela Webber**



"Reading to the mind is what exercising is to the body."
~ Sir Richard Steele ~

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Barnes & Noble Bookfair

Buy your books on **Thursday, December 9!** NBPL Literacy Services is celebrating literacy at **Barnes & Noble** Fashion Island, just in time for the holidays. A percentage of all sales will be donated to *Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy* when you present a voucher at the time of purchase.

Vouchers must be picked-up prior to the event at the literacy office. Or, if you can't make it in person, you can shop online. Visit **www.BN.com/bookfairs** from 12/9/10 to 12/14/10 and enter **Bookfair ID 10339638** at checkout.

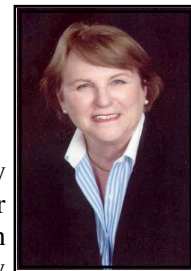
For more information on this special event or to pick up a voucher, please contact Literacy Services at (949) 717-3874.



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President's Message

Holiday Greetings!



The other day the wind was briskly skimming over a bright blue ocean, the air was California crisp and the sun magnificent. I thought fall was finally here and the signs heralding the coming of the holidays must be for real. Then, just like that, Mother Nature gave us a dose of the summer that we never really had. Suddenly, the pending holidays no longer seemed real despite the fact the calendar was telling us so. No matter how hard the media and the retail establishments try, it is difficult to get into the holiday mood when it is 90 degrees outside!

So, this year I have decided to take a summer-like attitude with respect to the holidays. No, not a Scrooge-like "Bah, humbug", but a slower-moving appreciation of this very special time of year. No matter what holiday you honor and celebrate, it should be one that is anticipated with joy and appreciation. Not the dread of the days whipping by, the endless 'to do' lists that never seem to get finished, or worrying about eating too much. Days need to be savored as we celebrate the true meaning of the holidays. Let us honor the traditions that really mean something to us and let our children help create new ones; let's reduce the annual 'must do' list and decide to really enjoy these special days. Think summer!

My 'to do' list has been trimmed and replaced with a list of people and activities that really are important to our family. The days will be honored and the friendships treasured.

What are your thoughts as the days start to spin a bit faster? What would you like to do differently? Let's not be the one that says in early January "it was all a blur – where did the holidays go?" Instead let's say, "This holiday season was a special one." The festive tinsel and lights are just the wrapping on the package. The package is really that person, that relationship that is so very special to us.

I send each of you my very best wishes for a holiday that is very special to you and to your loved ones, and give thanks to all of you, my new friends in the Literacy program. Join me in tasting the delight and the new memories that a summer attitude will bring.

Happy Holidays!

Nancy Thompson

Tutors: Thank you for turning in your monthly report by the 3rd of each month!

Southern California Library Literacy Network

Don't miss the best one-day literacy conference in Southern California! Twenty-one workshops for learning from great presenters and your colleagues. Time for networking and great food!

Date: Saturday, March 5, 2011

Time: 8:00am - 3:00pm

Buena Park Holiday Inn
Hotel & Conference Center
7000 Beach Blvd.
Buena Park, CA 90620

SAVE THE DATE!

**26th Annual SCLLN
Literacy Conference
March 5, 2011**

**SCLLN**

Phone/Fax: (714) 730-4877

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Learner's Corner**Boston***By Yumi Kim*

Boston! When my husband asked me to visit this city with him, I answered "Yes!" without hesitation. During his business there, I would plan my schedule for sightseeing by myself. Before I visited Boston, I searched for famous places to visit by Internet and some guide books. There are many kinds of museums such as the Museum of Fine Arts, the Harvard University Museum and the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, lots of historical and architectural places, and great sea food restaurants.

On the first day, I went to Harvard University. Harvard is known as the oldest university (was founded in 1636) in the United States and one of the most prestigious university in the world. I enjoyed walking around old Harvard Yard, antique buildings and beautiful green gardens. It made me feel comfortable. In front of John Harvard's Statue, many visitors waited for their turns to take photographs (specially most people touched John Harvard's left shoe with their hands; I heard that the touch brings luck so he/she can enter Harvard). After lunch, I moved on to M.I.T. (the Massachusetts Institute of Technology). There are many modern style tall buildings and it was quite different from the Harvard campus. I crossed the campus and reached the Charles River. Some people pulled their oars and some people jogged along the river and some white clouds hung upon the skyscrapers. Since I couldn't see that picturesque sky in California very often, I enjoyed watching for a while.

Then I moved on to Boston Common (the first public garden in the U.S., 1634) and the Public Garden. In front of the visitor's center in Boston Common, a guide who wore a colonial costume conducted a small group. I followed the red-brick route then I arrived at the Shaw Memorial (the first free black regiment in the Union Army with their white colonel Robert Shaw). I wandered around huge green park breathing fresh air and by chance I met a mounted policeman. When I crossed Charles Street, I found another beautiful park, the Public Garden. Boston Common is a big and nature-friendly park, in contrast Public Garden is a small, more formal and well arranged flower garden park. In the middle of the garden, there were Swan Boats and many ducks in the pond.

After wandering around parks, I took a rest for a while in the coffee shop at the corner of Beacon Street and Charles Street. Then I walked around the Beacon Hill which is located right next to Boston Common. The cobbled streets are narrow and the houses are very elegant, so I felt that I walked in the 19th century streets or some movie sets in that period. Some old style mail boxes were still on the streets. I was excited to see many interesting places.

Starting the next day, unexpectedly, the weather was suddenly changed. Because one of storms arrived at the east shore, heavy rain with gusty wind made me soaked up like a sponge and very tired. Even though I tried to get out of my hotel several times, I returned to my place within 10 minutes with fully wet clothes. Finally I couldn't see the sight of Boston anymore, then I enjoy seeing rain outside. Since I became bored with cloudless sunny sky in California, a rainy dark sky was another joyful scene. And a bowl of warm clam chowder and Boston cream cake with hot coffee made me happy. It will be another memory of Boston to me.

When you visit some places, you could be placed under unexpected situations like mine. If you can't find the best way, then you can accept your situation and find a way to enjoy it. ☺

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Upcoming Literacy Dates/Events

December 4	Saturday, 10:00 am	Annual Holiday Potluck
December 6, 13, 20	Mondays, 10:30 am	Adult Learner Book Club
December 7, 14, 21	Tuesdays, 10:15 am	Adult Learner Discussion Class
December 8	Wednesday, 10:00 am	Movie Talk
December 10, 16	Thursdays, 10:30 am	Adult Learner Life Skills Dialogs
December 15, 22	Wednesdays, 10:00 am	Adult Learner Pronunciation Workshop
December 16	Thursdays, 6:30 pm	Adult Learner Conversation Class
December 20	Mondays, 6:30 pm	Adult Learner small talk, BIG TALK class
December 24-January 2	Friday-Sunday	Library Closed
January 3, 10, 24, 31	Mondays, 10:30 am	Adult Learner Book Club
January 4, 11, 18, 25	Tuesdays, 10:15 am	Adult Learner Discussion Class
January 6, 13, 20, 27	Thursdays, 10:30 am	Adult Learner Life Skills Dialogs
January 6, 13, 20, 27	Thursdays, 6:30 pm	Adult Learner Conversation Class
January 10, 24	Mondays, 6:30 pm	Adult Learner small talk, BIG TALK class
January 12	Wednesday, 6:00 pm	New Learner Orientation
January 12	Wednesday, 10:00 am	Movie Talk
January 19	Wednesday, 10:00 am	Learner Network
January 21	Friday, 3:30 pm	Families For Literacy Program
January 24	Monday, 6:00 pm	New Tutor Orientation
January 26	Wednesday, 10:00 am	Tutor Connection
February 1, 8, 15, 22	Tuesdays, 10:15 am	Adult Learner Discussion Class
February 3, 10, 17, 24	Thursdays, 10:30 am	Adult Learner Life Skills Dialogs
February 3, 10, 17, 24	Thursdays, 6:30 pm	Adult Learner Conversation Class
February 7, 21	Mondays, 6:30 pm	Adult Learner small talk, BIG TALK class
February 7, 14, 21, 28	Mondays, 10:30 am	Adult Learner Book Club
February 9	Wednesday, 10:00 am	Movie Talk
February 9, 16	Wednesdays, 5:30 pm	Tutor Training
February 18	Friday, 3:30 pm	Families For Literacy Program

Note: All programs are held at the Central Library unless otherwise posted and subject to change.
 For more details, contact the literacy office at (949) 717-3874 or email us at literacy@newportbeachca.gov